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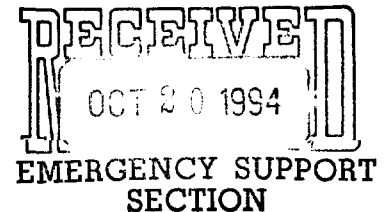
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October 17, 1994

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Re: Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois, Gary, Indiana

Dear Ms. Beasley:

On behalf of (Cherry Electrical Products (hereinafter referred to as the "Company")), I am responding to your recent letter regarding the Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois plant located in Gary, Indiana ("CCCI"). This response is made without any acknowledgement that the Company is a "potentially responsible party" under CERCLA; without any admission of any liability or responsibility under CERCLA or any other statute or law; and without acknowledgement of the applicability of the authorities referenced in your letter. Furthermore, the Company neither admits nor agrees that any activities which have been, are now being, or will be conducted at CCCI by U.S. EPA or representatives of U.S. EPA are warranted or are authorized under CERCLA, or any other authority.

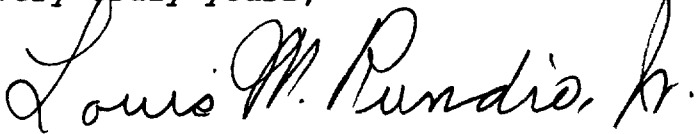
With these caveats, the Company hereby informs U.S. EPA that it is willing to enter into negotiations regarding its proportionate financial participation in investigation and control activities as reasonable and appropriate for the CCCI plant, subject to verification that the Company is, in fact, a responsible party. The Company will endeavor along with other potentially responsible parties, to prepare proposals regarding these matters and negotiate with U.S. EPA about them.

A representative of the Company will attend the meeting scheduled for November 10, 1994. Further contact about this matter should be made with Louis M. Rundio, Jr., McDermott, Will &

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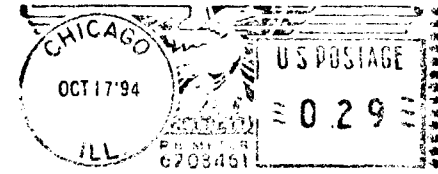
Very truly yours,

  
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